

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on political and economic reform in the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union, receiving testimony from Zbigniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, February 22.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings in open and closed sessions on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Adm. Richard C. Macke, USN, Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Command; Gen. Gary E. Luck, USA, Commander, United States Forces, Korea; and Gen. Barry H. McCaffrey, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United States Southern Command.

Hearings continue on Thursday, February 23.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,336 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

AGRICULTURE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Agriculture, focusing on farm income support programs and export subsidies, receiving testimony from Senators Lugar and Conrad; and Richard E. Rominger, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, February 22.

INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Dan

M. Berkovitz, of the District of Columbia, and Shirley Ann Jackson, of New Jersey, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Berkovitz was introduced by Senator Graham, and Ms. Jackson was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Bradley.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Shirley S. Chater, of Texas, to be Commissioner, Social Security Administration, and Maurice B. Foley, of California, and Juan F. Vasquez, of Texas, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Chater was introduced by Senator Hutchison and Representative Jacobs, and Mr. Vasquez was introduced by Senator Hutchison and Representative Tejeda.

CAPITAL GAINS TAXATION

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings to examine the tax treatment of capital gains and losses, focusing on indexing assets to eliminate tax on gains caused by inflation, receiving testimony from Edwin S. Cohen, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville; Christopher H. Dent, Price Waterhouse, and Michael L. Schler, on behalf of the New York State Bar Association, both of New York, New York; Alan Reynolds, Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C.; Shirley S. Chater, Houston, Texas; Maurice B. Foley, Berkeley, California; and Juan F. Vasquez, San Antonio, Texas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Bismarck Myrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Carson was introduced by Senator Simon, and Mr. Myrick was introduced by Senator Robb.

U.S.-AFRICA TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States and African trade and investment activities, after receiving testimony from George E. Moose, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; John Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Economic Policy, Africa, and the Near East; Ruth R. Harkin, President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; J.

Joseph GrandMaison, Director, Trade and Development Agency; Martin A. Kamarck, First Vice President and Vice Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Frank Kennedy, Equator Bank, Hartford, Connecticut; and Joseph Parker, General Motors Overseas Distribution Corp., Washington, D.C.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine the effectiveness of the Federal child care and development block grant program, after receiving testimony from Mary Jo Bane, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Children and Families; Mayor Cardell Cooper, East Orange, New Jersey, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Judi Schlichting, South Shore Day Care Services, East Weymouth, Massachusetts; Mary Moran, Seeds of Love Daycare Home, Indianapolis, Indiana; Douglas J. Besharov, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and William J. Tobin, Child Care Institute of America, and Early Childhood Development Center Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; and Susan Muenchow, Florida Children's Forum, Tallahassee.

FUTURE OF SBA

Committee on Small Business: Committee resumed hearings to examine the programs administered by the Small Business Administration and its future role, receiving testimony from Bob Giaimo, Silver Diner Development, Inc., Rockville, Maryland; James B. Graham, FaxLand Corporation, Falls Church, Virginia; Giovanni Coratolo, Port of Italy,

Inc., Springfield, Virginia; Robert Varney, RobSan Corporation, Reston, Virginia; Gary F. Petty, National Moving and Storage Association, Fairfax, Virginia, on behalf of the Small Business Legislative Council; Lew Shattuck, Barre Granite Association, Barre, Vermont, on behalf of the National Small Business United; and Virginia Littlejohn, STAR Group and Global Strategies, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INDIAN PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for Indian programs, after receiving testimony from Terry Williams, Director, Indian Affairs Office, Environmental Protection Agency; Gary Niles Kimble, Commissioner, Dominic Mastrapasqua, Deputy Commissioner, Vilma Guinn, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, and Sharon McCully, Acting Director East and West Division, all of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services; Gaiashkibos, Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Julia Davis, National Indian Health Board, and A. David Lester, Council of Energy Resource Tribes, both of Denver, Colorado; Jacqueline L. Johnson, Tlingit-Haida Indian Housing Authority, Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council; Lorraine P. Edmo, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Jerry Pardilla, National Tribal Environmental Council, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 971-992; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 30-31, and H. Res. 87, 89-90 were introduced. Pages H1907-08

Reports Filed: The following reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 88, providing for the consideration of H.R. 831, permanently extending the health insurance deduction for the self-employed, amended (H. Rept. 104-38); and

H.R. 450, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, amended (H. Rept. 104-39). Page H1907

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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National Security Revitalization: By a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 145, the House passed H.R. 7, to revitalize the national security of the United States.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected the Skelton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on National Security with instructions to report the bill back forthwith containing an